

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,256,634 to *Moshaiov et al.* (hereinafter, *Moshaiov*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,119,016 to *Matusevich et al.* (hereinafter, *Matusevich*).

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-5, the Examiner contends that *Moshaiov* teaches all of the elements of Claims 1-5, except for the wireless sending and receiving of data in the network, which the Examiner contends is obvious in light of *Matusevich*. Claim 1 recites, in part, a slave that detects identifier information for second data that the slave does not contain from identifier information for first data received from a master. The slave requests the master to send the second data and receives the second data before updating identifier information and storing data.

Moshaiov describes a slave that receives a list of data item identification numbers from a master for comparison with a list of data item identification numbers in the slave's own database. The slave sends a request for a list of items to be updated after comparison, and the master sends only those specifically identified items to the slave. *Moshaiov* discloses that the method may be used in combination with other means of establishing a communication link between computers, and *Matusevich* describes synchronization in a wireless telecommunications system.

While *Moshaiov* describes that a master sends specifically identified items to a slave after a slave sends a request for those specifically identified items to be updated, it fails to describe that the slave checks the received items to determine whether the items sent by the master are in fact the items requested by the slave.

Moshaiov also discloses that a master receives a regular synchronization request from the slave, however amended Claim 1 of the present invention recites that the master periodically

sends identifier information for first data that the network contains to a slave. More specifically, the master broadcasts identifier information without a request from a slave. *Matusevich* fails to remedy these deficiencies of *Moshaiov*.

When there is a plurality of slaves, if each of the slaves performs a blind polling randomly, it causes a wasteful consumption of network capacity. The master broadcasts index information for data periodically so that the polling of slaves can be reduced, as recited in Claim 1 of the present invention. When the slave does not perform the polling, the usable bandwidth is no longer related to the number of slaves.

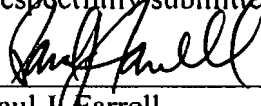
The Examiner also rejected independent Claim 3 under §103(a) contending that Claim 3 contained similar recitations as those set forth in Claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1. Accordingly, in view of the amendments and the arguments above with regard to Claim 1, Applicant asserts that Claim 3 is also in condition for allowance.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, *per se*, it is believed that Claims 2, 4 and 5 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent Claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-5.

Therefore, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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